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Monday, 5 December 2005

General Assembly

Sixtieth session

Informal consultations of the plenary on the Human Rights Council

10 a.m.	11th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	12th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 3
	Organization of work	
Morning[1]–1 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 124 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 (A/60/6, A/60/6/Corr.1, A/60/6/Corr.2, A/60/6/Corr.3, A/60/6/Corr.4 (French only), A/60/6 (Introduction), A/60/6 (Sect. 1), A/60/6 (Sect. 2), A/60/6 (Sect. 3), A/60/6 (Sect. 3)/Corr.1 (French only), A/60/6 (Sect. 4), A/60/6 (Sect. 5), A/60/6 (Sect. 6), A/60/6 (Sect. 7), A/60/6 (Sect. 8), A/60/6 (Sect. 9), A/60/6 (Sect. 10), A/60/6 (Sect. 11), A/60/6 (Sect. 12), A/60/6 (Sect. 13), A/60/6 (Sect. 14), A/60/6 (Sect. 15), A/60/6 (Sect. 16), A/60/6 (Sect. 17), A/60/6 (Sect. 18), A/60/6 (Sect. 19), A/60/6 (Sect. 20), A/60/6 (Sect. 21), A/60/6 (Sect. 22), A/60/6 (Sect. 23), A/60/6 (Sect. 24), A/60/6 (Sect. 25), A/60/6 (Sect. 26), A/60/6 (Sect. 27), A/60/6 (Sect. 28), A/60/6 (Sect. 28A), A/60/6 (Sect. 28B), A/60/6 (Sect. 28C), A/60/6 (Sect. 28D), A/60/6 (Sect. 28E), A/60/6 (Sect. 28F), A/60/6 (Sect. 28G), A/60/6 (Sect. 29), A/60/6 (Sect. 30), A/60/6 (Sect. 31), A/60/6 (Sect. 32), A/60/6 (Sect. 33), A/60/6 (Sect. 34), A/60/6 (Sect. 35), A/60/6 (Income Sect. 1), A/60/6 (Income Sect. 2), A/60/6 (Income Sect. 3), A/59/397 and A/59/793))	
	Revised estimates to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 under sections 1, 8, 28A and 35 and income section 1 (A/60/303)	

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 28th meeting.

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Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/60/7, A/60/7/Corr.1 and A/60/7/Add.1)

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/60/16 and A/60/16/Corr.1)

3–4 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 123 (Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005: Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council: United Nations Office in Timor-Leste (A/60/425 and A/60/7/Add.10))

4–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 131 (United Nations common system (A/60/30, A/60/30/Corr.1, A/60/209, A/59/263/Add.1, A/60/421 and A/60/7/Add.3); and Strengthening the international civil service (A/59/30 (Vol. II), A/59/153 and A/59/399))

General Assembly

Ad hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

11 a.m.–1 p.m. 1st meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

1. International Trade Center UNCTAD/WTO
2. Future operations of the International Research and Training Institute for Advancement of Women (INSTRAW)
3. Financial situation of the International Research and Training Institute for Advancement of Women (INSTRAW)

General Assembly

Sixtieth session

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitor, Mr. Stefano Toscano (Switzerland), on a draft resolution on the International Year of the Potato

10–11.30 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Facilitator, Mr. Benedicto Fonseca Filho (Brazil, on behalf of a group of countries), under agenda item 54 (c) (International migration and development) ("Remittances")

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), under agenda item 54 (d) (Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting — Suite of offices of Conference Room 2

Facilitator, Mr. Andre Siregar (Indonesia), under agenda item 54 (c) (International migration and development)

10 a.m.–6 p.m. Closed meeting — Conference Room DC2-1949

Facilitator, Mrs. Ewa Anzorge (Poland), under agenda item 57 (b) (South-South cooperation: economic and technical cooperation among developing countries)

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting — Conference Room B

Facilitator, Mr. Martin Meisel (Austria), under agenda item 54 (b) (Science and technology for development)

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting — Conference Room 2

Facilitator, Ms. Jennifer Feller (Mexico), under agenda item 56 (b) (Women in development)

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting — Suite of offices of Conference Room 2

Facilitator, Mr. Thomas Gass (Switzerland), under agenda item 52 (Sustainable development)

1.30–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting — Conference Room C-209B

Facilitator, Ms. Nicole Ruder (Switzerland), under agenda item 58 (a) (United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR))

3–4 p.m. Closed meeting — Conference Room S-2963D

Facilitator, Mr. Paul Lolo (Nigeria), under agenda item 52 (g) (Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa)

3–4.30 p.m. Closed meeting — Conference Room B

Facilitator, Ms. Husniyya Mammadova (Azerbaijan), under agenda item 54 (a) (Globalization and interdependence)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting — Suite of offices of Conference Room 2

Facilitator, Mr. Benedicto Fonseca Filho (Brazil), under agenda item 59 (Towards Global Partnerships)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting — Conference Room 2

Facilitator, Mr. Yoshiaki Ito (Japan), under agenda item 56 (a) (Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006))

3–4.30 p.m. Closed meeting — Conference Room C-209B

Facilitator, Ms. Irena Zubčević (Croatia), under agenda item 52 (a) (Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the further implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit for Sustainable Development)

4.30–5 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C-209B

Facilitator, Mr. Abdellah Benmellouk (Morocco), under agenda item 55 (a) (Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries)

4.30–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Facilitator, Mr. Gustavo Ainchil (Argentina), under agenda item 52 (d) (Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind)

5–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C-209B

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations conference to review progress made in the implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects

Informal consultation

There will be an informal consultation, convened by the Chair-designate of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations conference to review progress made in the implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, on *Monday, 5 December 2005*, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to discuss the draft programme of work for the Preparatory Committee and other matters. The draft programme of work has been faxed to all missions. Additional hard copies are also available in room S-2977.

Informal consultations convened by delegations

Monday, 5 December 2005

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa", under agenda item 47 (convened by the delegation of the United Republic of Tanzania)

1.30–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Other meetings

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Monday, 5 December 2005

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on remittances)

9–10 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room E

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution entitled "International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development", under agenda item 73 (a))

9.15–10 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on South-South cooperation)

10–11.30 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room E

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on women in development)

10–11 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on international trade and development)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room E

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on poverty eradication)

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on financing for development)

3–4.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Group of 77 (on all draft resolutions on sustainable development)

4.30–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

OIC Group (at the expert level)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

African Group (Third Committee experts)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm

Monday, 5 December 2005

Room S-226

12 noon — Press briefing by the Spokesman

Forthcoming official meetings

Tuesday, 6 December 2005

General Assembly
Sixtieth session

Informal consultations of the plenary on Secretariat and management reform

10 a.m. — 1st meeting (closed) — Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations of the plenary on the Peacebuilding Commission

3 p.m. — 9th meeting (closed) — Trusteeship Council Chamber

General Assembly
Sixtieth session

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 45 (Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 45 (Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS), chaired by H.E. Mr. Christopher Fitzherbert Hackett (Barbados) and H.E. Mrs. Laxanachantorn Laohaphan, (Thailand), will be held on Tuesday, 6 December 2005, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Main Committees

Second Committee

The Second Committee will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, 7 December 2005, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Tuesday, 6 December 2005, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold its 291st meeting on Wednesday, 7 December 2005, at 12 noon in Conference Room 4.

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families

Meeting of the States Parties
Second meeting

The second meeting of the States Parties will take place on Thursday, 8 December 2005, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The documents for the Meeting are CMW/SP/4, CMW/SP/5, CMW/SP/5/Add.1 and CMW/SP/3.

Quorum

Pursuant to article 72, paragraph 4 of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, the necessary quorum for the Meeting is two-third of the States Parties. As there are 31 States Parties to the Convention, the quorum is 21 States Parties. There have been instances in the past where meetings of the States Parties have been substantially delayed or called off due to the lack of quorum. In order to avoid such occurrences, it is imperative for the States Parties to be present at the scheduled time of the meeting.

Credentials

The credentials of representatives and the names of members of a delegation issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs should be submitted to the Secretary-General prior to the Meeting. The credentials may be brought or sent to the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (room S-2914).

Economic and Social Council

Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters
First session

The first session of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters will take place from 5 to 9 December 2005 in Conference Room XVI, at the Palais des Nations, Geneva. Notices in this regard were sent to all Member States Missions on 17 October 2005. Delegations are kindly reminded to forward the information concerning the meeting of the Committee to the appropriate national agency. For further information, please contact Mr. Jan Kregel, (tel. 1 (917) 367-3546); or Mr. Masakatsu Ohyama (tel. 1 (212) 963-4695), at the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Forthcoming informal consultations convened by delegations

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support" (A/60/L.16) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

Tuesday, 6 December 2005, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Panel discussion on "The Human Rights Council", with the High Commissioner for Human Rights (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the NGO Committee on Human Rights)

Tuesday, 6 December 2005, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Sharon Brandstein, OHCHR (tel. 1 (212) 963-7021)].

Panel discussion on the results of the WHO Multi-Country Study, entitled "Violence against women: Are women safe at home?" (organized by the World Health Organization (WHO), in collaboration with the Division for the Advancement of Women, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Wednesday, 7 December 2005, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Vanessa Lanza, WHO Office at the United Nations (tel. 1 (212) 963-3952; e-mail lanza@un.org).]

Panel discussion on "Protection and promotion of human rights of people with mental disorders" (organized by the World Health Organization, together with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, in collaboration with the NGO Committee on Mental Health)

Thursday, 8 December 2005, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Vanessa Lanza, WHO Office at the United Nations (tel. 1 (212) 963-3952; e-mail lanza@un.org).]

Round table on "Tajikistan's MDG-based National Development Strategy" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Tajikistan, with the support of the United Nations Millennium Project)

Monday, 12 December 2005, from 1.30 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Nima Tabloei, United Nations Millennium Project (tel. 1 (212) 906-6009; e-mail nima.tabloei@unmillenniumproject.org).]

Announcements

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

Pursuant to Section IV, paragraph 2, of General Assembly resolution 59/265, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management will hold informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on the terminology used and the quality of services rendered. The second round of language-specific informational meetings in 2005 will be held in December, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in *Conference Room 7*, on the following dates:

Monday, 5 December: Chinese

Tuesday, 6 December: *English*
Wednesday, 7 December: *French*
Thursday, 8 December: *Russian*
Friday, 9 December: *Spanish*
Monday, 12 December: *Arabic*

Credentials of representatives to the sixtieth session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixtieth session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent, by Thursday, 8 December 2005, to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5358 or 963-5377; room S-3460D or S-3420A).

Preparations for the fiftieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the fiftieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (27 February–10 March 2006), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Enhanced participation of women in development: an enabling environment for achieving gender equality and the advancement of women, taking into account, inter alia, the fields of education, health and work; and (b) Equal participation of women and men in decision-making processes at all levels. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and curricula vitae which outline the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate on the theme. It is kindly requested that the information be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail taylors@un.org; and/or selcuk@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than Wednesday, 7 December 2005.

Security Council — Daily informal briefings

As from *Monday, 5 December 2005*, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Summary of official meetings

Friday, 2 December 2005

General Assembly

Sixtieth session

Main Committees

Second Committee

33rd meeting

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources . . . . . [38]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.11/Rev.1

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Before the adoption, the Committee was informed that Cuba should have been listed as one of the main sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of Canada.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.11/Rev.1, by a recorded vote of 151 to 7, with 9 abstentions.

A statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of the United Kingdom (on behalf of the European Union; the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Turkey and Croatia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Bosnia and Herzegovina, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro; and the EFTA countries Iceland and Norway, which aligned themselves with this statement).

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 38.

Macroeconomic policy questions . . . . . [50]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

(a) International trade and development

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.36

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Jamaica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.36, by a recorded vote of 117 to 1, with 48 abstentions.

A statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of the United Kingdom (on behalf of the European Union; the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Turkey and Croatia, the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro; and the EFTA countries, Iceland and Liechtenstein, as well as the Republic of Moldova, which aligned themselves with the statement).

Sustainable development . . . . . [52]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/60/L.26 and A/C.2/60/L.44

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Stefano Toscano (Switzerland), orally corrected the draft resolution.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.44, as orally corrected.

The representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela made a statement.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.44, draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.26 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

(b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/60/L.21 and A/C.2/60/L.48

The Secretary of the Committee read out a statement of programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.48.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.48, draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.21 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/60/L.27 and A/C.2/60/L.45

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Stefano Toscano (Switzerland), orally corrected the draft resolution.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.45, as orally corrected.

The representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela made a statement.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.45, draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.27 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/60/L.25 and A/C.2/60/L.46

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Stefano Toscano (Switzerland), orally corrected the draft resolution.

The Committee was informed that the representative of Sweden had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Secretary of the Committee read out a statement of programme budget implications.

The representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela made a statement.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.46, as orally corrected.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.46, draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.25 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda sub-item 52 (c).

Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) . . . . . [53]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/60/L.13 and A/C.2/60/L.47

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The facilitator, Mr. Harald Aspelund (Iceland), orally corrected the draft resolution.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.47, as orally corrected.

The representatives of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Switzerland made a statement.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.47, draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.13 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 53.

Eradication of poverty and other development issues . . . . . [56]

(a) Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.37

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania made a statement, in the course of which he withdrew the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed.

(c) Human resources development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/60/L.40 and A/C.2/60/L.49

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Committee postponed action on the draft resolution to its next meeting.

A statement was made by the representative of Jamaica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

The representatives of Jamaica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Brazil made a statement.

The Secretary made a statement.

Summary of meetings held away from Headquarters

Wednesday, 30 November 2005

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

Meeting of the States Parties
Tenth meeting
United Nations Office at Geneva

13th meeting

The Meeting was opened by Ms. Jane Connors, Treaties and Commission Branch, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, as the representative of the Secretary-General.

The Meeting elected H.E. Mr. Musa Burayzat (Jordan) as Chairperson, and Mr. Luis Alfonso de Alba (Mexico) as Vice-Chairperson.

In accordance with article 17 of the Convention, the Meeting elected, by secret ballot, the following members of the Committee against Torture for a term of four years beginning January 2006: Ms. Essadia Belmir (Morocco), Mr. Alexander Kovalev (Russian Federation), Mr. Fernando Marino Menéndez (Spain), Ms. Nora Sveaass (Norway) and Mr. Xuexian Wang (China).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Signature: Myanmar (2 December 2005)

International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid. New York, 30 November 1973

Accession: Paraguay (2 December 2005)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 18 December 2002

Ratification: Paraguay (2 December 2005)[1]

Convention concerning Customs Facilities for Touring. New York, 4 June 1954

Accession: Lithuania (1 December 2005)[1]

Additional Protocol to the Convention concerning Customs Facilities for Touring, relating to the Importation of Tourist Publicity Documents and Material. New York, 4 June 1954

Accession: Lithuania (1 December 2005)[1]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 18 December 1979

Objection to the reservations made by the United Arab Emirates upon accession: Norway (1 December 2005)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Objection to the reservation made by Oman upon accession: Poland (1 December 2005)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements

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International symposium on "Issues in higher education in Pakistan" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Pakistan, in collaboration with Promotion of Education in Pakistan (PEP) Foundation, Inc. and the Consulate General of Pakistan)

Monday, 5 December 2005, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All interested delegates are invited to attend, as well as members of accredited civil society organizations.]

Events on the occasion of the International Volunteer Day

Monday, 5 December 2005, from 1 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5:
Panel discussion on "Volunteerism: How you can make a difference?" (co-sponsored by the United States Mission and the United Nations Volunteer Programme, United Nations Development Programme); and

Friday, 9 December 2005, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium:
Screening of the documentary "The Heart of Steel"; followed by a panel discussion on "The citizen as volunteer" (sponsored by the United Nations Volunteer Programme, United Nations Development Programme).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Penina Adongo, United Nations Volunteer Programme (tel. 1 (212) 906-3639; e-mail penina.adongo@undp.org).]

Women's International Forum (meeting on "Africa's renaissance and its future")

Tuesday, 6 December 2005, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend.]

Panel discussion on "Jewish response to disaster relief" (sponsored by the United States Mission)

Wednesday, 7 December 2005, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Peggy Kerry, United States Mission (tel. 1 (212) 415-4054; e-mail kerryp@state.gov).]

Panel discussion "Rearing its ugly head: The resurgence of torture in the twenty-first century and the struggle to combat it", with the High Commissioner for Human Rights, to commemorate Human Rights Day 2005 (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights)

Wednesday, 7 December 2005, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Sharon Brandstein, OHCHR (tel. 1 (212) 963-7021)].

Launch of the book entitled "Democracy Rising — Assessing Global Challenges" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Chile)

Wednesday, 7 December 2005, at 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Julio Torres, Permanent Mission of Chile (tel. 1 (212) 832-3323; e-mail jtorres@chileun.org).]

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *December 2005* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Rwanda
H.E. Mr. Stanislas Kamanzi

Asian States:
Iraq
H.E. Mr. Samir Shakir Mahmood Sumaida'ie

Eastern European States:
Romania
H.E. Mr. Mihnea Ioan Motoc

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